

EDITORIAL

SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT

The time has come for the people of Dallas to accentuate the positive. We live in a beautiful city with the highest business and cultural attributes, built to its present eminence by the ambition and ingenuity of several generations of excellent and far-seeing leaders and the hard

work of all of the people here. Slum areas here are smaller and less critical than those of any city of comparative size. Organized crime does not exist in Dallas. There is no major "skid row" here, such as most large cities have. Best of all, the people of Dallas - and, of course we include the Park Cities and metropolitan area - are of the highest caliber, industrious, upright, and loyal to their city, state and country. This happy condition is not the result of chance.

Criminal organizations cannot buy their way into Dallas as they have in other cities. Our District Attorney, Sheriff, and the several city police departments are honest - from the head men to the assistant D.A., deputy, and patrolman. This came about because the great majority of voting citizens here want it that way. In the final analysis, the present

level of integrity and progress could not have been achieved by Dallas leaders without the support of the vast majority of the people of Dallas.

The time has now come for Dallas leaders to return that support to the people of Dallas. Leaders - whether political, business, religious, or journalistic, who do not respect and admire the people of metropolitan Dallas should remove themselves from positions of leadership - whether elected, appointed, or self appointed. Dallas leaders who have said that the people here are capable of sharing in the guilt of an assassination and the other Dallas leaders who have said that because of a feeling of guilt Dallasites cannot be fair jurors could better spend their time telling the world of our accomplishments. In other words, either shape up or ship out.